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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Yoshio IWASAKI, et al.
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 For: **DISPLAY STRIP**

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

1. I, Yoshio Iwasaki of 598-10, Aeji-cho, Kusatsu-city, Shiga, Japan declare as follows.
2. I am named as one of the four inventors for the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/753,087 filed on January 7, 2004 (hereinafter, referred to as "the application").
3. I am a leader of Packaging Technical Group, Engineering Department at Ishida Co., LTD., Kyoto city, Japan, and have held this position since 1999. My qualifications and previous appointments are set out below:

Qualifications

B.S. in Chemical Engineering, School of Engineering Science, Osaka University, 1994 (year received).

Previous Appointments

Technical staff, Packaging Technical Group, Engineering Department, Ishida Co., Ltd.	Dates
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4. I have read and understood the specification of the application and the Office Action dated September 8, 2005. I am making this Declaration in support of my view that prior to the present invention, nobody has considered importance of preserving the appearance of a commodities-containing bag after it is removed from a display strip. Accordingly, there was no need to optimize adhesion to ensure that the bag is reliably secured on the display strip during transporting and displaying, yet it is easily removed without a damage to the bag's surface.

5. Although peelable and sealable compositions were known prior to our invention in the packaging field, they were only used to seal the contents of a container. For example, they had been used to make a seal between a food container and its lid or between the front and the back surfaces of a bag. In such applications, a perfect air-tight seal was required to preserve the contents of a bag or a container. In these applications, however, the seal was not subjected to a load. Also, there was no concern with damage to the outer surface of a bag when the seal is released in such applications because the seal was created between internal surfaces of the bag. Accordingly, there was no need to optimize adhesion to ensure that the bag is reliably secured on the display strip during transporting and displaying, yet it is easily removed without a damage to the bag's surface.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that a willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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